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THE LATEST.

Gas Explosion in Boston.

Furious Fires in Philadelphia and Omaha.

National Associated Press to the Star.

Boston, Jan. 20.—An explosion of gas occurred in the basement of Weeks & Tottor's wholesale drug store, on Washington street, this morning. Two men were slightly injured, and property to the amount of \$250,000 destroyed. A portion of the sidewalk in front of the store was blown into the street.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—One of the largest down-town fires for a long time broke out at twenty minutes past 3 o'clock this morning in John Brown & Sons' four-story cotton and woolen mill at Eighth and Tasker streets, and it was almost entirely destroyed. The loss, it is estimated, will not fall short of \$100,000, which is covered by insurance.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20.—The Occident Hotel, formerly the City Hotel, was destroyed by fire yesterday, with three frame buildings adjoining. The hotel was a large frame building and cost \$18,000. The building was not insured; furniture insured for \$1,000. The hotel was not occupied.

SLAYING STUDENTS.

Princeton College Boys on a Lark.

Special to the Star.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 20.—The polished surface of the snow was too alluring a temptation for the college students at Princeton, so Saturday evening they raided the livery stables in force and engaged all the cutters that could be secured. Swiftly they sped over the crisp and glassy roads, twenty-four of the merry party, gliding across the country to Trenton. By the time they reached that place the exuberance of their spirits could not be confined and they aroused the denizens of the staid capital city from their midnight slumbers with yells and roaring melodies which had never been gleaned from the classical volumes of Princeton College. They continued their uproarious carnival until the police finally scooped down upon them, and four and twenty scholarly students found themselves under arrest for disorderly conduct. The affair created much amusement and some chagrin in Trenton yesterday, but the frolicsome youths were finally permitted to return to their books at Princeton on the payment of a fine of \$30 each.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Terrible Accident at Baltimore.

Special to the Star.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20.—A mine of dynamite cartridges exploded at the Gunpowder Water-works this morning, fatally injuring Engineer Halson and badly maiming two other men. The boiler in the shed in which the explosion occurred was burst by the concussion and blown fifty feet away. It weighed four tons.

THE METROPOLIS.

Failure in Uppers.

National Associated Press to the Star.
New York, Jan. 20.—The failure is announced of C. Godfrey & Sons, manufacturers of boot and shoe uppers, &c. Liabilities are estimated at upward of \$100,000. Assets small.

The New York Life-saving Corps saved another life last night, making the twenty-eighth.

Loss by the Great Fire.
The loss by the great fire on North street is now put at \$2,663,000. Insurance \$2,630,000, distributed among a large number of companies, of which foreign ones suffer most severely.

Midwinter Delights.

The ice-bound lakes and snow-covered avenues, streets and drives of this vicinity were yesterday alive with skaters and merry sleighing parties. Altogether it was one of the most enjoyable winter days experienced in years.

Effects of Sunday-school Literature.

New York, Jan. 20.—It appears that the missing fair-haired girl, Elizabeth King, aged eighteen, of Brooklyn, was fascinated with Mme. Anderson, and wanted to become her maid. She had read a number of trashy novels obtained from a Sunday-school library. During the last week of November, Miss King went Saturday afternoon and remained till Sunday morning. Monday she was absent-minded and petulant. In the afternoon she disappeared and has not been found since. She was an orphan and stopped with her aunt.

Dodging the Sunday Law.

Sunday amusements are increasing, and now a boat is being fitted up for a floating theater, the chief reliance of which, for profit, will be the safe evasion of the Sunday law. The plan is to give a variety show at the common resort during the hot months, when the city theaters are unprofitable. Performances will be given every evening, and possibly on afternoons, but it is calculated that Sundays, when the law forbids the opening of shows in the city, an especially remunerative business will be done.

Death of Sheriff Brennan.

It is reported that Sheriff Brennan died today.
Y. M. C. A. Matters.
The Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of the United States and British Provinces has just agreed to call the next biennial convention to meet at Baltimore, May 21st. The one hundred and twenty-five General Secretaries of more than eight hundred Associations hold meetings at the same place, May 19th to 21st. The Executive Committee state the occasion will be one of marked interest, as reports will be presented of the progress made in the South and West during the last two years, and of the work done among 800,000 railroad men, 60,000 college students, and 500,000 German youths.

BEYOND THE BLUE WAVES.

FATAL COLLISION AT SEA.

Bad Blood at Candahar.

Great Britain.

REPUTATING NEW YORK FIENANS.

Dublin, Jan. 20.—It has been determined by the Dublin Home Rule League to hold a meeting, on February 4th, for the purpose, if possible, of reconsolidating the party. This is understood to be on the advice of Archbishop McHale. Mr. Mitchell Henry, in an open letter, repudiates the Fenian Irish of New York.

FAILURE OF IRON COMPANIES.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Rosedale and Perry Hill Iron Companies have failed. Liabilities, £280,000. The assets are large.

GOING VISITING.

It is believed that Queen Victoria will visit Germany in the spring.

RELEASE OF A FAMOUS PRISONER.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 20.—Doctor Kerwin, the famous Ireland's Eye murderer, was released from Spike Island Prison, in this harbor, Saturday, after twenty-seven years incarceration. He was convicted of the murder of his wife in 1851, and doomed to death, but the Queen commuted his sentence to imprisonment for life.

AMERICAN STEAMER ASHORE.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 20.—The steamship Oberon, from New Orleans, December 30th, for Liverpool, went ashore in White Bay, inside this harbor, last night, while entering without her propeller, which she had lost. The crew was saved.

Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The Emir of Bokhara has sent 20,000 roubles for the relief of the Russian sick and wounded, and has also sent 10,000 roubles to Tashkent charities.

NORTH PALESTINE.

The Czar of Russia has ordered the authorities of East Siberia to immediately dispatch an overland sledge expedition to ascertain the whereabouts of Nordenskjöld's Expedition. The Swedish and German friends of the explorer believe that the steamer Jeannette, of the American Arctic Expedition, will be the first to reach and succor Nordenskjöld and his companions.

ADVANCE OF THE PLAGUE.

The plague has appeared at Nijni Novgorod.

Germany.

A TREATY OF PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Berlin says a definite treaty of peace will be signed next week.

IN AID OF EXPLORATION.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—The Government has given 70,000 marks to assist German traders and for an exploring expedition into Africa.

France.

A SERIOUS ORDEAL.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The tone of the Radical organs is growing stronger. The ordeal is very serious, as behind the agitation for the dismissal of the officials is an attack of the Jacobins on the gradual legal reforms.

Spain.

COLLISION AT SEA.

CORUNNA, Jan. 20.—The Spanish steamer Yrurabot, from Baltimore, via Liverpool, arrived here in a damaged condition. She reports that she was in collision with the British sailing vessel Lancashire Witch, which sank, with all on board. The steamer's bow was broken in.

Afghan War.

ATTEMPTS AT ASSASSINATION.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Lahore says that several attempts have been made to assassinate the British officers at Candahar.

WASHINGTON CITY.

Arrest of Officials.

National Associated Press to the Star.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Information has been received at the Department of Justice of the arrest, by State or municipal authority, in Alabama, of United States Attorney Mayer and United States Marshal Turner, the latter being now in jail and the former having been released on a writ of habeas corpus issued by United States District Judge Bruce.

Cincinnati Custom-house.

The Cincinnati representatives have asked the Appropriation Committee to place an item of \$500,000 in the Sundry Civil bill, for the benefit of the Cincinnati Custom-house.

Inspecting Fortifications.

Gen. Sherman, accompanied by Gen. Van Vleet, with Miss Sherman and Mrs. Van Vleet and Miss Van Vleet, go to Florida on Thursday, and will then cruise in a steamer around the Gulf of Mexico, inspecting the fortifications.

Stuck on the Shoals.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Signal Corps Stationer at Cape Hatteras, N. C., this morning reports to the Chief Signal Officer as follows: "An unknown three-masted schooner is stuck on the shoals four miles south of the station and about three miles from land. Her mast is above water, and no one appears to be aboard." Baker's wrecking steamer was sent out to her this morning.

MINISTERIAL MATTERS.

Talmage's Talk—Tunis Tins' Horse Trade—Bob Ingersoll and the Devil, Etc.

National Associated Press to the Star.
BROOKLYN, Jan. 20.—Talmage's defense of what is called sensationalism is somewhat ingenious. "Paul," he declared, "was the first great sensational preacher. He upset everything and made a row everywhere he went." Talmage declared that pulp sensationalism is better than stupidity.

Rev. Tunis Tins Kendrick, the Methodist minister who was once the occasion of a Church trial in Williamsburg, has been arrested on the charge of obtaining a trotting mare on false pretenses.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Sun of this morning says what would the grandfathers and grandmothers of the present generation of Methodists have thought and said of a love feast without bread and water? Yet such a love feast was held in a church in this city, and after the grandfathers and grandmothers aforesaid had been present to listen to the experiences and lusty singing they would probably have been convinced that the modification of the old Methodist usages have not extinguished the old Methodist fire in the mouths of their descendants.

During a lecture in a Methodist church last evening, Miss Irving Wilson said: Col. Robert Ingersoll is no puny, straggling weed in the current against Christianity, according to her idea, but a hardy plant. The Devil is not the biggest fool alive. In view of what Ingersoll preaches, Satan was extraordinarily level-headed, in entering

into a contract with him—another illustration of how the gentleman in red tights can wield a man when he has a clutch on his coat collar, and dominion over his brain.

Rev. Jos. Odell, Methodist, yesterday turning his attention to affairs of the day, said: "I have been led to ask whether we still have any appreciation for true virtue. A woman, gaudily painted, exposing her person to the gaze of the multitude, walks day and night for a wage, amid plaudits and showers of bouquets. A fireman, in the discharge of his perilous duty, dies in an oven of hot brick. You can't paint the fireman, for he is patriotic; the woman an indolent poltroon, and vulgar and immodest at the best. Within the last two weeks," he continued, "a man walked from Omaha to New York, cheered only by his love for home. No bouquets, no applause, for him."

OLD KENTUCK.

Items of Interest from the Interior.

Specials to the Star.

PRINCETON, Jan. 20.—Candidates have assembled here in force for the Convention to-day. The following are already here: Gov. Underwood, Jas. L. Cantrell, P. W. Hardin, Thos. E. Moss, Col. Edgar, H. A. M. Henderson, Col. Zach Smith, Fayette Wilson, Thomas D. Marcum and O. D. McManama.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 20.—Gov. McCreary has appointed Hon. Eugene Underwood, Sr., of Louisville; Hon. J. M. Bigger, of Paducah, and Hon. Robert W. Wilson, of Newport, to represent Kentucky in the Board whose duty it is to inquire into the steps necessary to be taken in order to improve the banks of the Mississippi River and prevent its overflowing, and to promote the commerce of the Mississippi Valley.

NICHOLASVILLE, Jan. 20.—Henry McCall, aged eighty, a widely known and highly respected citizen, died last night of apoplexy.

MCMURDOVILLE, Jan. 20.—The examining trial of Edger Wyatt for the killing of Wm. Pfanz, at Horse Cave, came to a close here Saturday night, and resulted in the holding him over in a bond of \$500.

LANCASTER, Jan. 20.—John Y. Leavett, a leading farmer and stock trader of the county has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$16,000; assets estimated at \$12,000.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Jan. 20.—Captain Wm. M. Adair, United States Deputy Marshal, and Revenue Agent B. E. Clark, with Special Bailiffs Charles Mobley, Edmonson and others, have just returned from a raid in the lower end of this county and edge of Grayson, having been out thirty hours and bringing in seven moonshiners. The prisoners are James John, Jerry and Joseph Johnson, James and Green Ferrell, and Mace Howell, all captured in Level Woods.

PITTSBURG PICKINGS.

Serious Explosion—The Ice-Navigation.

Special to the Star.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—The vat in Maginn's candy factory, on Liberty street, exploded this morning, seriously scalding three workmen—Jas. Maginn, Michael Hook and Fred Walbath. None fatally.

The Monongahela ice which broke Saturday passed the city yesterday.

The amount of property destroyed is remarkably small. The largest loss was the coalboat Dauntless, owned in Brownsville; loss, \$6,000. Loss in Tipples not heavy, and the impression prevails to-day that navigation will close again before next spring.

National Associated Press to the Star.

Death of Jacoby—Murphy Matters—Affairs at Harrisburg.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 20.—C. R. Jacoby, who was shot early Thursday morning in a mysterious manner while walking on the street with his wife, died yesterday. He made an ante-mortem statement, declaring Frank Small, a former lover of his wife, guilty of the murder. Small was with her the night before. He is under arrest.

Francis Murphy lectured here last night.

Extensive preparations have been made for the inauguration of Governor Hoyt tomorrow at Harrisburg.

A United States Senator to succeed Don Cameron also will be elected to-morrow.

Sporting News.

National Associated Press to the Star.

AN AMERICAN ABROAD.
LONDON, Jan. 20.—Edward Payson Weston, the American pedestrian, arrived at Folkestone, a distance of eighty-one miles, last night, and resumed his journey at midnight, this morning.

"RATS FOR A DUCAT, RATS!"
New York, Jan. 20.—The great rat killing match for \$400, between Maguire's dog "Gypsy," of Frankfort, Pa., and Holiday's dog "Badger," of Hudson City, New York, was won by the latter, Badger killing one hundred rats in seven minutes and thirty seconds, and "Gypsy" eight minutes and thirty seconds. The fastest time a rat has ever been killed is five minutes and twenty-eight seconds, by Shaw's dog Jocko, in England.

FEMALE PEDESTRIANS.

New York, Jan. 20.—A London paper says Pearl Nelson, May Jewell, Mlle. Rose and Mlle. Allison, of Philadelphia, are to walk 52 hours this week at the Assembly Buildings.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—Mlle. Richards, the famous English female pedestrian, has succeeded in walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours at Hull, England.

BROOKLYN NOTES.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 20.—Harry Howard, ex-champion light-weight wrestler of England, to-day began a walk of one hundred and fifty miles in one hundred and forty-four hours.

Harriman, who is matched to walk O'Leary in a six days contest, will undertake to walk fifty miles each day inside of ten hours, and on the last day he will attempt to break down O'Leary's record of 8 hrs., 39 min., and 39 sec.

WANTS TO BEAT THE MADAM.

New York, Jan. 20.—Sport Campana's offer to wager \$1,000 that he will walk 4,000 quarter miles in 4,000 quarter hours met with a prompt response from Webb, business manager of Madam Anderson. Anderson is not to walk against Sport. Webb simply offers to back time against Sport.

CANDAHAR, Jan. 20.—Major St. John, of the British army, was fired upon on the street by a mob of 500, and severely wounded. A Lieutenant of the Royal Artillery was severely and two soldiers slightly stabbed by a zealot who was present.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 20.—The trial of the Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank is proceeding to-day.

TO-DAY IN CONGRESS.

National Associated Press to the Star.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The States were called for bills and resolutions, and the following, among others, were introduced and referred:

By Mr. Banks, of Massachusetts.—To regulate and define the rank of the staff of the Marine Corps.

By Mr. Willis, of New York.—Joint resolutions to authorize Commodore W. A. Nichols, United States Army, to accept a medal from the King of Spain.

By Mr. Cox, of New York.—To set apart a portion of Bledsoe's Island for the use of the Marine Hospital service.

By Mr. Starin, of New York.—Resolutions of the New York Legislature protesting against the passage of the Army Reorganization Bill.

By Mr. Mackey, of Pennsylvania, to authorize a Commission for a scientific exploration of Northern Mexico.

By Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania, to prevent adulteration of articles of food and drink.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Business Failures—Hanlan Going to Europe.

Special to the Star.

DETROIT, Jan. 20.—Snow, Gilson & Co., heavy wholesale and retail shoe dealers of Jackson, Mich., failed to-day. Figures not given.

John H. Althouse, general merchant at Coral, Michigan, has also failed.

The members of the Hanlan Club have been assessed \$150 each to send Edward Hanlan, the champion sculler, to England. He leaves in a few days and will take American-made boats with him.

Snow Slides in Utah.

National Associated Press to the Star.

SALE LAKE, Jan. 20.—A heavy snow storm prevailed here Friday and Saturday, and snow slides were frequent. In Big Cottonwood there were thirteen slides in a distance of three miles, completely blocking the road to the mines. A mail carrier with five men was four hours in crossing the slides. It is rumored that five men were buried in a cabin in North Mill Creek canyon. The roads will be blocked for ten days.

The Roving Reds.

National Associated Press to the Star.

PORT ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 20.—A courier just arrived from the troops pursuing the little band of Cheyennes reports that Captain Wessells was joined Saturday by Col. Evans, who took command. The Indians, after killing Private Barbour, stripped and scalped him, securing his carbine, pistol, and sixty rounds of ammunition.

Death of Dr. Firestone.

Special to the Star.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 20.—Dr. M. O. Firestone, physician of the Central Ohio Insane Asylum, died here this morning from congestion of the lungs.

Chicago Chirps.

Special to the Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The Mamie Stevens murder case comes up for trial Friday.

A French woman, Mademoiselle La Chapelle, has rented the Folly Theatre for two months for a walking match, the duplicate of Madame Anderson's tramp of twenty-seven hundred and quarter miles in twenty-seven hours and quarter hours. She goes \$1,000 if she wins. The walk begins Saturday night.

There will be no bolt caucus nomination in the Illinois Legislature. The senators must submit. Logan will get the election to-morrow.

J. H. Edwards, a farmer, and a dashing widow from Santa Rosa, New York, have eloped from Shabbona, Ill. Edwards leaves a large family.

In Brief.

National Associated Press to the Star.

GALVA, Ill., Jan. 20.—A fire yesterday destroyed Odd-fellows' Hall and the Journal office.

ELKHON, Ind., Jan. 20.—Cold and snowing. Ex-Mayor James M. Poe died suddenly yesterday.

ST. VERNON, Ill., Jan. 20.—In a row at a dance at Rome Saturday night, George W. Hays fatally stabbed Hiram Tenford.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Jan. 20.—The jury in the Weis murder case has returned a verdict of guilty, the sentence being imprisonment for life.

ST. VERNON, Ill., Jan. 20.—Two boys named Moore and White fought at a school fourteen miles from here, cutting each other fatally.

LATEST LOCAL.

The wills of P. Guiterman and Conrad Bolan were offered for probate, but the witnesses have not yet been examined.

There are three hundred and sixty-nine patients at the City Hospital—a decrease of four during the past week.

The fire which was signaled from Box 23 at 6:15 o'clock this morning was in a small shoe shop in the basement of the old bank building corner of Third and Main streets. Loss trifling.

The wife of Samuel Barrack, the Vine-street merchant, who lives at 142½ Mound, to whom he has been married about a year, swore out a warrant to-day for her husband's arrest, charging him with abusing his family.

The ball was fixed at \$500. Major Blackburn represented the plaintiff.

A series of meetings for young men, to be held Monday evenings, commences to-night. They will be held in the lecture room of the Central Presbyterian Church, corner Mound and Barr streets. The programme this evening includes vocal solos and choruses, also solos and duets on cornet and clarinet. The discussion of a topic of interest to young men is to be opened by Mr. Thomas McDougall. Admission free to young men.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Henry Graffelder and Christina Murphy. Nich. Ruppert and Kate Schneider. Wm. Agness and Maggie McCabe. Ira Wood and Martha Maple.

Local Personals.

Miss Mary Anderson is at the Burnet House.

Ex-Chief of Police George W. Ziegler is confined in his bed by rheumatism.

Mr. C. W. Allen, of the firm of Allen & Ellis, left for Washington yesterday morning to look after the tobacco tax reduction.

Serious Accident.

James Maloney, a brakeman on the Little Miami Railroad, helped a lady upon the passenger train which left the city at 11 o'clock to-day, and was about to step on board himself, when he slipped and fell under the train, which had already started.

A car passed over both his legs, almost completely severing them from his body. He resided in Pendleton, and for many years has been an efficient employee of the road.

Board of Public Works.

The Board met in regular session, all the members present and President Bell in the chair.

Bills and pay-rolls amounting to \$1,558 53 were ordered paid.

A resolution to improve Purcell avenue from Warsaw Pike to Glenway avenue was adopted.

The contract for improving Thomas street was awarded to Benj. Barton.

Supposed Infanticide.

A newly-born male infant was found early yesterday morning by a coachman named John Toie, in the rear of No. 73 Pike street. The boy, who weighed about twelve pounds and had red hair, was wrapped up lying in a basket and was dead when found.

The body was covered with blood, and it looked as if the babe had been murdered after its birth. The case was reported to the Hammond-street Station and the body removed to Habis's Morgue. The Coroner was then notified, and ordered Dr. J. Trush, of 132 Broadway, to make a post mortem examination. An inquest will be held this evening.

A Roving Lawyer.

Last Saturday night it was discovered that Mr. Frank L. Bixby, a member of the law firm of Rooker, Bixby & Norton was missing from his place of business, in Indianapolis.

He had come to this city about a week ago, and had with him about \$200. His headquarters were at the Gibson House. He informed the clerk that he was on his way to Springfield, O.

It is stated that about two months ago his name was associated with that of the handsome wife of a prominent merchant of South Meridian street, and it is thought that this has something to do with the sudden departure.

Mr. Norton came down here yesterday, and, on inquiry at the Gibson House, found that Bixby had registered and that he had no trunk with him. He had gone a few days after his arrival and forgot to pay his board bill.

Shadows of Coming Events.

Next Saturday evening a meeting will be held in Turner Hall and debate indulged in on "The Social Question."

Prof. Adler will lecture at Pike's Opera-house on the evenings of the 28th and 31st instants, on "The Rising Religion."

I. O. G. F., will lecture on Physiology in Vulcan Lodge Hall this evening.

The first of a series of lectures on the "History of Music," to be delivered by Prof. Krebbs, of the College, will take place at 12 o'clock Tuesday, 21st inst.

On Wednesday evening next a lecture will be delivered by the Hon. Charles W. Baker, under the auspices of the Democratic Club of Hamilton County, at Robinson's opera-house. Subject: "The Political Fortunes of Young Men."

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